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Hispanics
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Interviews: 1,213 adults
266 blacks and 231

Dates: March 2-5, 2000

48 Male
52 Female
[109]

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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

**The margin of error for
1,213 interviews is $\pm 2.9\%$**

1. All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

| | <u>3/00</u> | <u>1/00</u> | <u>12/99</u> | <u>10/99</u> | <u>9/99</u> | <u>7/99</u> | <u>High</u> <u>2/91+</u> | <u>Low</u> <u>7/92+</u> | |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------|
| Right direction..... | 47 | 55 | 49 | 46 | 43 | 50 | 65 | 14 | [139] |
| Wrong track..... | 35 | 28 | 34 | 37 | 41 | 32 | 22 | 71 | |
| Mixed (VOL)..... | 15 | 15 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 15 | 9 | 9 | |
| Not sure..... | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 6 | |
| | | <u>6/99</u> | <u>4/99</u> | <u>3/99</u> | <u>1/99</u> | <u>12/98</u> | | | |
| | | 42 | 46 | 54 | 49 | 47 | | | |
| | | 41 | 40 | 33 | 38 | 38 | | | |
| | | 14 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 12 | | | |
| | | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | | |

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 2a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing as president?

| | <u>3/00</u> | <u>1/00</u> | <u>12/99</u> | <u>10/99</u> | <u>9/99</u> | <u>7/99</u> | <u>High</u> <u>1/99</u> | <u>Low</u> <u>10/98</u> | <u>6/93</u> | |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Approve..... | 61 | 65 | 61 | 60 | 58 | 63 | 68 | 68 | 41 | [140] |
| Disapprove..... | 33 | 30 | 34 | 34 | 37 | 32 | 29 | 29 | 50 | |
| Not sure..... | 6 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 9 | |
| | | <u>6/99</u> | <u>4/99</u> | <u>3/99</u> | <u>1/99</u> | <u>12/98</u> | | | | |
| | | 58 | 58 | 66 | 68 | 65 | | | | |
| | | 37 | 36 | 31 | 29 | 31 | | | | |
| | | 5 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 4 | | | | |

+ Asked only of registered voters.

2b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling the economy?

| | <u>3/00*</u> | <u>1/00</u> | <u>12/99</u> | <u>10/99</u> | <u>9/99</u> | <u>7/99</u> | <u>High</u> <u>1/99</u> | <u>Low</u> <u>7/93</u> | <u>9/94</u> | [141] |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Approve..... | 70 | 74 | 71 | 70 | 66 | 73 | 78 | 40 | 40 | |
| Disapprove..... | 22 | 18 | 23 | 22 | 27 | 20 | 17 | 51 | 51 | |
| Not sure..... | 8 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 9 | |
| | | <u>6/99</u> | <u>4/99</u> | <u>3/99</u> | <u>1/99</u> | <u>12/98</u> | | | | |
| | | 71 | 73 | 74 | 78 | 72 | | | | |
| | | 21 | 18 | 20 | 17 | 21 | | | | |
| | | 8 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 7 | | | | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

3. I'm going to read you the names of several public figures, groups, and institutions, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

| | <u>Very Positive</u> | <u>Somewhat Positive</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>Somewhat Negative</u> | <u>Very Negative</u> | <u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u> | [142] |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|-------|
| Bill Clinton | | | | | | | |
| March 2000..... | 23 | 26 | 15 | 12 | 24 | - | |
| January 2000..... | 23 | 29 | 14 | 12 | 21 | 1 | |
| December 1999..... | 20 | 29 | 15 | 14 | 22 | - | |
| October 1999..... | 20 | 30 | 14 | 13 | 23 | - | |
| September 1999..... | 20 | 26 | 14 | 13 | 27 | - | |
| July 1999..... | 23 | 27 | 14 | 14 | 22 | - | |
| June 1999..... | 19 | 25 | 12 | 15 | 28 | 1 | |
| April 1999..... | 23 | 23 | 14 | 13 | 26 | 1 | |
| March 1999..... | 23 | 25 | 14 | 11 | 27 | - | |
| January 1999..... | 27 | 24 | 12 | 11 | 25 | 1 | |
| December 1998..... | 25 | 26 | 13 | 10 | 26 | - | |
| <u>High</u> | | | | | | | |
| January 1993..... | 33 | 31 | 15 | 9 | 7 | 5 | |
| <u>Low</u> | | | | | | | |
| June 1999..... | 19 | 25 | 12 | 15 | 28 | 1 | |
| September 1998..... | 18 | 22 | 17 | 14 | 29 | - | |

Q.3 (cont'd)

| | <u>Very Positive</u> | <u>Somewhat Positive</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>Somewhat Negative</u> | <u>Very Negative</u> | <u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u> | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Al Gore | | | | | | | [143/153/163] |
| March 2000..... | 16 | 27 | 22 | 16 | 17 | 2 | |
| January 2000..... | 16 | 29 | 21 | 16 | 16 | 2 | |
| December 1999..... | 12 | 26 | 25 | 19 | 16 | 2 | |
| October 1999..... | 12 | 27 | 25 | 18 | 16 | 2 | |
| September 1999..... | 10 | 22 | 28 | 19 | 17 | 4 | |
| July 1999..... | 13 | 27 | 26 | 16 | 15 | 3 | |
| June 1999..... | 15 | 23 | 27 | 16 | 15 | 4 | |
| April 1999..... | 11 | 24 | 30 | 14 | 17 | 4 | |
| March 1999..... | 16 | 23 | 29 | 16 | 14 | 2 | |
| January 1999..... | 17 | 24 | 29 | 15 | 12 | 3 | |
| December 1998..... | 17 | 25 | 27 | 13 | 15 | 3 | |
| High | | | | | | | |
| January 1993..... | 23 | 32 | 22 | 9 | 6 | 8 | |
| Low | | | | | | | |
| September 1999..... | 10 | 22 | 28 | 19 | 17 | 4 | |
| John McCain | | | | | | | [144/154/164] |
| March 2000..... | 14 | 31 | 24 | 13 | 7 | 11 | |
| January 2000..... | 14 | 20 | 27 | 8 | 3 | 28 | |
| December 1999..... | 12 | 22 | 24 | 4 | 2 | 36 | |
| October 1999..... | 9 | 20 | 22 | 5 | 2 | 42 | |
| April 1999..... | 8 | 14 | 18 | 3 | 3 | 54 | |
| Bill Bradley | | | | | | | [145/155/165] |
| March 2000..... | 8 | 27 | 32 | 11 | 8 | 14 | |
| January 2000..... | 11 | 25 | 30 | 9 | 6 | 19 | |
| December 1999..... | 11 | 31 | 26 | 7 | 3 | 22 | |
| October 1999..... | 11 | 27 | 27 | 7 | 4 | 24 | |
| September 1999..... | 12 | 25 | 28 | 5 | 2 | 28 | |
| July 1999..... | 8 | 25 | 28 | 5 | 3 | 31 | |
| April 1999..... | 8 | 20 | 27 | 5 | 2 | 38 | |
| March 1999..... | 11 | 19 | 26 | 5 | 1 | 38 | |
| September 1995..... | 7 | 17 | 22 | 7 | 1 | 46 | |

Q.3 (cont'd)

| | <u>Very Positive</u> | <u>Somewhat Positive</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>Somewhat Negative</u> | <u>Very Negative</u> | <u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u> | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|----------------------|
| George W. Bush | | | | | | | [146/156/166] |
| March 2000..... | 18 | 26 | 23 | 15 | 15 | 3 | |
| January 2000..... | 22 | 30 | 22 | 13 | 9 | 4 | |
| December 1999..... | 19 | 31 | 21 | 16 | 10 | 3 | |
| October 1999..... | 21 | 32 | 21 | 12 | 11 | 3 | |
| September 1999..... | 18 | 32 | 22 | 12 | 10 | 6 | |
| July 1999..... | 22 | 31 | 26 | 9 | 6 | 6 | |
| June 1999..... | 23 | 27 | 25 | 9 | 8 | 8 | |
| April 1999..... | 23 | 32 | 25 | 8 | 6 | 6 | |
| March 1999..... | 25 | 26 | 28 | 5 | 5 | 11 | |
| December 1998..... | 25 | 28 | 27 | 5 | 4 | 11 | |
| September 1997..... | 9 | 19 | 32 | 9 | 6 | 25 | |
| The Catholic Church | | | | | | | [147/157/167] |
| March 2000..... | 23 | 24 | 33 | 9 | 5 | 6 | |
| The Democratic Party | | | | | | | [148/158/168] |
| March 2000..... | 17 | 28 | 28 | 13 | 12 | 2 | |
| January 2000..... | 20 | 30 | 23 | 15 | 10 | 2 | |
| December 1999..... | 17 | 29 | 24 | 16 | 12 | 2 | |
| June 1999..... | 16 | 29 | 25 | 13 | 15 | 2 | |
| March 1999..... | 21 | 25 | 24 | 14 | 15 | 1 | |
| January 1999..... | 18 | 27 | 27 | 16 | 10 | 2 | |
| December 1998..... | 18 | 28 | 25 | 16 | 11 | 2 | |
| October 1998+..... | 13 | 29 | 28 | 16 | 12 | 2 | |
| September 1998..... | 15 | 25 | 33 | 17 | 9 | 1 | |
| April 1998..... | 15 | 27 | 29 | 15 | 12 | 2 | |
| January 1998..... | 13 | 30 | 30 | 16 | 9 | 2 | |
| <i>High</i> | | | | | | | |
| October 20-21, 1992+..... | 19 | 29 | 22 | 15 | 12 | 3 | |
| <i>Low</i> | | | | | | | |
| December 1994..... | 10 | 23 | 25 | 24 | 16 | 2 | |

+ Asked only of registered voters.

Q.3 (cont'd)

| | <u>Very Positive</u> | <u>Somewhat Positive</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>Somewhat Negative</u> | <u>Very Negative</u> | <u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u> | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|----------------------|
| The Republican Party | | | | | | | [149/159/169] |
| March 2000..... | 13 | 26 | 27 | 17 | 14 | 3 | |
| January 2000..... | 13 | 29 | 27 | 16 | 14 | 1 | |
| December 1999..... | 12 | 29 | 23 | 18 | 15 | 3 | |
| June 1999..... | 11 | 26 | 27 | 18 | 15 | 3 | |
| March 1999..... | 11 | 22 | 23 | 19 | 23 | 2 | |
| January 1999..... | 13 | 23 | 20 | 18 | 24 | 2 | |
| December 1998..... | 10 | 23 | 26 | 21 | 18 | 2 | |
| October 1998+..... | 13 | 24 | 22 | 21 | 19 | 1 | |
| September 1998..... | 14 | 27 | 29 | 15 | 14 | 1 | |
| April 1998..... | 10 | 27 | 30 | 18 | 13 | 2 | |
| January 1998..... | 9 | 29 | 30 | 18 | 12 | 2 | |
| High | | | | | | | |
| January 1995..... | 17 | 33 | 25 | 13 | 9 | 3 | |
| Low | | | | | | | |
| March 1999..... | 11 | 22 | 23 | 19 | 23 | 2 | |
| January 1999..... | 13 | 23 | 20 | 18 | 24 | 2 | |
| Pat Robertson | | | | | | | [150/160/170] |
| March 2000..... | 5 | 11 | 23 | 17 | 25 | 19 | |
| June 1995..... | 6 | 13 | 23 | 14 | 19 | 25 | |
| The Religious Right | | | | | | | [151/161/171] |
| March 2000..... | 15 | 16 | 22 | 14 | 20 | 13 | |
| Pat Buchanan | | | | | | | [152/172] |
| March 2000 *..... | 3 | 10 | 27 | 21 | 27 | 12 | |
| January 2000..... | 4 | 12 | 25 | 19 | 24 | 16 | |
| December 1999..... | 4 | 13 | 25 | 21 | 26 | 11 | |
| October 1999..... | 4 | 14 | 24 | 20 | 28 | 10 | |
| August 1996..... | 4 | 11 | 26 | 20 | 31 | 8 | |
| March 1996..... | 6 | 16 | 20 | 18 | 32 | 8 | |
| January 1996..... | 3 | 13 | 30 | 12 | 20 | 22 | |
| December 1995..... | 5 | 16 | 24 | 16 | 22 | 17 | |
| February/March 1992..... | 5 | 21 | 23 | 18 | 16 | 17 | |
| January 1992..... | 4 | 17 | 22 | 14 | 12 | 31 | |
| December 1991..... | 3 | 15 | 18 | 8 | 9 | 47 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

Q.3 (cont'd)

| | Very Positive | Somewhat Positive | Neutral | Somewhat Negative | Very Negative | Don't Know Name/ Not Sure | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Hillary Rodham Clinton | | | | | | | [162/173] |
| March 2000 ** | 20 | 24 | 19 | 14 | 21 | 2 | |
| January 2000 | 21 | 23 | 18 | 13 | 24 | 1 | |
| December 1999 | 19 | 22 | 17 | 13 | 28 | 1 | |
| October 1999 | 21 | 24 | 13 | 16 | 25 | 1 | |
| September 1999 | 20 | 22 | 16 | 14 | 26 | 2 | |
| July 1999 | 25 | 23 | 18 | 12 | 20 | 2 | |
| June 1999 | 25 | 22 | 17 | 13 | 22 | 1 | |
| April 1999 | 30 | 19 | 17 | 12 | 20 | 2 | |
| March 1999 | 35 | 19 | 16 | 11 | 18 | 1 | |
| January 1999 | 35 | 23 | 16 | 11 | 14 | 1 | |
| December 1998 | 33 | 21 | 17 | 11 | 17 | 1 | |
| <i>High</i> | | | | | | | |
| January 1999 | 35 | 23 | 16 | 11 | 14 | 1 | |
| <i>Low</i> | | | | | | | |
| May 1996 + | 14 | 20 | 19 | 17 | 27 | 3 | |

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

4a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

| | <u>3/00**</u> | <u>1/00</u> | <u>12/99</u> | <u>10/99</u> | <u>9/99</u> | <u>7/99</u> | <u>6/99</u> | <u>High</u> <u>9/98</u> | <u>Low</u> <u>10/90+</u> | |
|------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Approve | 44 | 48 | 45 | 42 | 40 | 43 | 40 | 61 | 22 | [174] |
| Disapprove | 38 | 36 | 42 | 45 | 49 | 41 | 42 | 28 | 69 | |
| Not sure | 18 | 16 | 13 | 13 | 11 | 16 | 18 | 11 | 9 | |
| | | <u>4/99</u> | <u>3/99</u> | <u>1/99</u> | <u>12/98</u> | <u>10/98+</u> | | | | |
| | | 49 | 41 | 50 | 44 | 48 | | | | |
| | | 38 | 45 | 40 | 42 | 39 | | | | |
| | | 13 | 14 | 10 | 14 | 13 | | | | |

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 4b. What is your preference for the outcome of the November 2000 congressional elections¹--a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

| | <u>3/00</u> | <u>1/00</u> | <u>12/99</u> | <u>10/99</u> | <u>7/99</u> | <u>6/99</u> | <u>4/99</u> | <u>3/99</u> | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Republican-controlled Congress. . | 40 | 39 | 40 | 39 | 39 | 42 | 41 | 37 | [175] |
| Democrat-controlled Congress..... | 42 | 43 | 44 | 41 | 43 | 41 | 40 | 43 | |
| Not sure ² | 18 | 18 | 16 | 20 | 18 | 17 | 19 | 20 | |
| | | <u>10/98+</u> | <u>9/98</u> | <u>7/98</u> | <u>6/98</u> | <u>4/98</u> | <u>2/98</u> | <u>1/98</u> | |
| | | 41 | 40 | 41 | 39 | 37 | 41 | 40 | |
| | | 43 | 39 | 40 | 40 | 41 | 37 | 42 | |
| | | 16 | 21 | 19 | 21 | 22 | 22 | 18 | |
| | | <u>12/97</u> | <u>9/97</u> | <u>7/97</u> | <u>4/97</u> | <u>1/96</u> | <u>12/95</u> | <u>10/94</u> | |
| | | 41 | 41 | 45 | 44 | 41 | 42 | 44 | |
| | | 37 | 39 | 39 | 38 | 38 | 41 | 38 | |
| | | 22 | 20 | 16 | 18 | 21 | 17 | 18 | |

¹ In October 1994, the question referred to the 1994 congressional elections; the 1995 and 1996 survey dates referred to the 1996 congressional elections; the 1997 and 1998 dates refer to the 1998 congressional elections.

² The volunteered responses "both equal," "neither in control," or "doesn't matter," were reported separately; for purposes of comparative they are combined with "not sure."

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 5a. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|----|--------------|-------|
| Strong Democrat..... | 18 | | [176] |
| Not very strong Democrat..... | 10 | CONTINUE | |
| Independent/lean Democrat..... | 10 | | |
| Strictly independent..... | 21 | | |
| Independent/lean Republican..... | 9 | | |
| Not very strong Republican..... | 10 | Skip to Q.6a | |
| Strong Republican..... | 13 | | |
| Other..... | 7 | CONTINUE | |
| Not sure/nothing..... | 2 | Skip to Q.8a | |

(ASK ONLY OF DEMOCRATS/STRICT INDEPENDENTS/OTHER IN Q.5a.)

- 5b. If there were a presidential primary election in your state, would you vote in the Democratic primary, the Republican primary, or would you wait to vote in the general election?

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----|-------------|-------|
| Vote in the Democratic primary..... | 38 | Skip to Q.7 | [177] |
| Vote in the Republican primary..... | 9 | CONTINUE | |
| Wait until the general election..... | 48 | | |
| Neither/other (VOL)..... | 2 | Skip to Q.7 | |
| Not sure..... | 3 | | |

(ASK ONLY OF REPUBLICANS IN Q.5a AND DEMOCRATS/INDEPENDENTS/OTHER WHO SAY THEY WILL VOTE IN THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY IN Q.5b.)

6a. Let me read you a list of people who might seek the Republican nomination for president this year. If you were voting today in the next Republican primary for president, which ONE of the following candidates would you vote for? **(IF "NOT SURE," ASK:)** Well, which way do you lean?

| | | <i>Repub- licans Only</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| | <u>3/00</u> | <u>3/00</u> | <u>1/00</u> | <u>12/99¹</u> | <u>10/99</u> | <u>9/99</u> | <u>7/99</u> | <u>6/99</u> | <u>4/99</u> | <u>3/99</u> | <u>1/99</u> | |
| George W. Bush..... | 59 | 64 | 63 | 59 | 68 | 59 | 59 | 61 | 48 | 53 | 36 | [178] |
| John McCain..... | 30 | 25 | 15 | 18 | 15 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 5 | |
| Alan Keyes..... | 8 | 7 | 7 | 4 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | |
| None/other (VOL)..... | - | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | |
| Not sure..... | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 7 | |

¹ Prior to January 2000, results shown reflect responses only among those who say they are Republicans.

NOTE: An "NA" indicates that the person was not included in the list of potential candidates for that particular survey.

(ASK ONLY OF REPUBLICANS IN Q.5a.)

6b. Please tell me which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view:

A: John McCain's campaign is a good thing for the Republican Party because it has created a healthy debate within the party and gives Republicans a choice.

B: John McCain's campaign is a bad thing for the Republican Party because it will divide the party and make it harder for Republicans to win in November.

| | <u>3/00</u> | |
|---|-------------|-------|
| Statement A: good for party..... | 50 | [179] |
| Statement B: bad for party..... | 38 | |
| Some of both (VOL)..... | 5 | |
| Not sure..... | 7 | |

(ASK ONLY OF DEMOCRATS IN Q.5a AND INDEPENDENTS/OTHER WHO SAY THEY WILL VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.5b.)

7. The candidates in the Democratic primary are Bill Bradley and Al Gore. For whom would you vote if the election were held today--Bill Bradley or Al Gore? **(IF "NOT SURE," ASK:)** Well, which way do you lean?

| | | <i>Demo- crats Only</i> | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| | <u>3/00</u> | <u>3/00</u> | <u>1/00</u> | <u>12/99¹</u> | <u>10/99</u> | <u>9/99</u> | <u>7/99</u> | <u>6/99</u> | <u>4/99</u> | <u>3/99</u> | |
| Bill Bradley..... | 24 | 23 | 22 | 32 | 29 | 32 | 24 | 17 | 23 | 20 | [180] |
| Al Gore..... | 66 | 67 | 64 | 54 | 53 | 53 | 60 | 65 | 62 | 65 | |
| None/other (VOL)..... | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | |
| Not sure..... | 7 | 7 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 14 | 10 | 10 | |
| | | | | <u>1/99</u> | <u>12/98</u> | <u>9/98</u> | <u>1/98</u> | <u>9/97</u> | <u>7/97</u> | <u>4/97</u> | |
| | | | | 13 | 12 | 12 | 14 | 13 | 11 | 9 | |
| | | | | 45 | 49 | 51 | 45 | 47 | 52 | 56 | |
| | | | | 6 | 7 | 4 | NA | 5 | 7 | 11 | |
| | | | | 12 | 9 | 14 | 29 | 14 | 9 | 6 | |

¹ Prior to January 2000, results shown reflect responses only among those who say they are Democrats.

NOTE: An "NA" indicates that the person was not included in the list of potential candidates for that particular survey.

Now I'm going to ask you a few questions about the next presidential election.

- 8a. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate and George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

| | <u>3/00</u> | <u>1/00</u> | <u>12/99</u> | <u>10/99</u> | <u>9/99</u> | <u>7/99</u> | <u>6/99</u> | <u>4/99</u> | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| Al Gore..... | 46 | 44 | 39 | 39 | 35 | 37 | 36 | 35 | [208] |
| George W. Bush..... | 46 | 47 | 50 | 49 | 52 | 50 | 51 | 53 | |
| Neither/other (VOL)..... | 4 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 5 | |
| Not sure..... | 4 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 7 | |
| | | | <u>3/99</u> | <u>12/98</u> | <u>10/98+</u> | <u>9/98</u> | <u>4/98</u> | <u>9/97</u> | |
| | | | 34 | 40 | 40 | 39 | 41 | 45 | |
| | | | 52 | 50 | 48 | 49 | 44 | 39 | |
| | | | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 8 | |
| | | | 10 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 8 | |

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 8b. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate and John McCain were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

| | <u>3/00</u> | <u>1/00</u> | <u>12/99</u> | <u>10/99</u> | <u>7/99</u> | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------|
| Al Gore..... | 41 | 46 | 40 | 43 | 45 | [209] |
| John McCain..... | 46 | 39 | 40 | 36 | 28 | |
| Neither/other (VOL)..... | 5 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 9 | |
| Not sure..... | 8 | 10 | 14 | 14 | 18 | |

- 8c. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate, George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, and Pat Buchanan were the Reform Party candidate, for whom would you vote?

| | <u>3/00</u> | <u>1/00</u> | <u>12/99</u> | <u>10/99</u> | <u>9/99</u> | |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------|
| Al Gore..... | 44 | 43 | 38 | 38 | 34 | [210] |
| George W. Bush..... | 42 | 43 | 47 | 44 | 47 | |
| Pat Buchanan..... | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 8 | |
| None/other (VOL)..... | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 5 | |
| Not sure..... | 5 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 6 | |

- 8d. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate, George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, and John McCain were running as a candidate independent from either party, for whom would you vote?

| | | |
|-----------------------|----|-------|
| Al Gore..... | 33 | [211] |
| George W. Bush..... | 35 | |
| John McCain..... | 24 | |
| None/other (VOL)..... | 2 | |
| Not sure..... | 6 | |

- 9a. Overall, would you say you are much more interested, somewhat more interested, somewhat less interested, or much less interested in the 2000 presidential campaign than you have been in past presidential campaigns? *

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----|-------|
| Much more interested..... | 34 | [212] |
| Somewhat more interested..... | 40 | |
| Somewhat less interested..... | 15 | |
| Much less interested..... | 4 | |
| Not sure..... | 7 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 9b. Please tell me which ONE of the following is your most important goal for the 2000 presidential election?
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THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

| | | |
|--|----|-------|
| Keeping the economy strong and growing..... | 29 | [213] |
| Electing someone who cares about the same issues you do..... | 22 | |
| Providing strong leadership for the nation..... | 20 | |
| Bringing change and reform to Washington..... | 13 | |
| Making legislative progress with Congress..... | 4 | |
| All (VOL)..... | 10 | |
| None/other (VOL)..... | 1 | |
| Not sure..... | 1 | |

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 9c. Which is the more important consideration for you in deciding whom to support for president--a candidate's ideas and policies for the future, or a candidate's leadership style and personal trustworthiness?

| | 3/00* | 12/99 | 10/87 ¹ | |
|--|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| Ideas and policies for the future..... | 40 | 39 | 37 | [214] |
| Leadership style/trustworthiness..... | 44 | 49 | 46 | |
| Both equal (VOL)..... | 15 | 10 | 15 | |
| Not sure..... | 1 | 2 | 2 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹ Comparative data from October 1987 comes from a survey conducted for the Chicago Tribune among 1,501 registered voters in Illinois, Texas, California, Florida, and New York.

- 9d. Which one of the following statements do you agree with more?

A) After eight years of the Clinton-Gore Administration, it's time for a change.

B) With the nation at peace and the economy as strong as it is, we should continue with the Democrats in the White House.

| | 3/00** | 12/99 | |
|--|--------|-------|-------|
| Statement A: time for change..... | 46 | 49 | [215] |
| Statement B: same course/continue with Democrats. . | 44 | 45 | |
| Some of both (VOL)..... | 5 | 3 | |
| Not sure..... | 5 | 3 | |

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

10. As you may know, George W. Bush has been criticized for his recent appearance at a campaign rally at Bob Jones University, a Christian conservative university based in South Carolina that has a stated policy of prohibiting interracial dating and a history of making anti-Catholic comments. Let me read you two statements about this criticism of George W. Bush's appearance at Bob Jones University, and please tell me which one comes closer to your point of view.

Statement A: This criticism of George W. Bush is unfair because his appearance was just a typical political campaign event and doesn't mean he subscribes to the viewpoints of Bob Jones University.

Statement B: This criticism of George W. Bush is fair because he should have taken the opportunity to speak out against the viewpoints of Bob Jones University. *

| | | |
|--|----|-------|
| A) Criticism is unfair, just a typical campaign event..... | 50 | [216] |
| B) Criticism is fair, should have spoken out..... | 40 | |
| Some of both (VOL)..... | 3 | |
| Neither (VOL)..... | 2 | |
| Not sure..... | 5 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

11. When it comes to (READ ITEM), which party do you think would do a better job--the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, both about the same, or neither?

| | Party Advantage | Democratic Party | Republican Party | Both About The Same | Neither | Not Sure | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------|-------------|-------|
| Promoting strong family values | | | | | | | [217] |
| March 2000..... | R-14 | 20 | 34 | 26 | 15 | 5 | |
| Promoting economic opportunity | | | | | | | [218] |
| March 2000..... | D-7 | 34 | 27 | 27 | 7 | 5 | |
| Dealing with health care | | | | | | | [219] |
| March 2000..... | D-22 | 41 | 19 | 21 | 13 | 6 | |
| December 1999 | D-26 | 43 | 17 | 21 | 13 | 6 | |
| March 1999..... | D-24 | 42 | 18 | 23 | 12 | 5 | |
| October 1998+..... | D-20 | 41 | 21 | 26 | 8 | 4 | |
| September 1998..... | D-20 | 40 | 20 | 24 | 13 | 3 | |
| June 1998..... | D-13 | 25 | 12 | 34 | 23 | 6 | |
| May 1996..... | D-20 | 42 | 22 | 16 | 17 | 3 | |
| December 1995..... | D-21 | 43 | 22 | 13 | 16 | 6 | |
| October 1994..... | D-12 | 37 | 25 | 12 | 20 | 6 | |
| July 1994..... | D-16 | 37 | 21 | 18 | 18 | 6 | |
| May 1994..... | D-9 | 26 | 17 | 38 | 15 | 4 | |
| October 1993..... | D-28 | 44 | 16 | 16 | 18 | 6 | |
| March 1993..... | D-48 | 57 | 9 | 17 | 12 | 5 | |
| July 1992+..... | D-34 | 44 | 10 | 21 | 19 | 6 | |
| April 1992+..... | D-36 | 48 | 12 | 17 | 18 | 5 | |
| October 1991+..... | D-34 | 46 | 12 | 18 | 16 | 8 | |

+ Asked only of registered voters.

| Q.11 (cont'd) | Party Advantage | Democratic Party | Republican Party | Both About The Same | Neither | Not Sure | |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Dealing with education | | | | | | | [220] |
| March 2000..... | D-12 | 35 | 23 | 27 | 9 | 6 | |
| December 1999 | D-13 | 37 | 24 | 25 | 10 | 4 | |
| March 1999..... | D-14 | 37 | 23 | 27 | 9 | 4 | |
| October 1998 +..... | D-19 | 40 | 21 | 28 | 7 | 4 | |
| September 1998..... | D-16 | 38 | 22 | 29 | 8 | 3 | |
| September 1997..... | D-20 | 40 | 20 | 22 | 12 | 6 | |
| October 1996..... | D-23 | 46 | 23 | 14 | 9 | 8 | |
| May 1996+..... | D-16 | 40 | 24 | 19 | 12 | 5 | |
| December 1995..... | D-10 | 35 | 25 | 19 | 14 | 7 | |
| June 1995..... | D-9 | 35 | 26 | 21 | 11 | 7 | |
| October 1994..... | D-13 | 34 | 21 | 24 | 15 | 6 | |
| October 1993..... | D-8 | 32 | 24 | 16 | 24 | 4 | |
| July 1992+..... | D-25 | 42 | 17 | 25 | 12 | 4 | |
| October 1991+..... | D-14 | 28 | 14 | 33 | 18 | 7 | |
| October 1990+..... | D-18 | 33 | 15 | 30 | 14 | 8 | |
| November 1989+..... | D-15 | 30 | 15 | 32 | 15 | 8 | |
| Dealing with taxes and spending | | | | | | | [221] |
| March 2000..... | R-5 | 29 | 34 | 19 | 13 | 5 | |
| Having high moral standards | | | | | | | [222] |
| March 2000..... | R-19 | 14 | 33 | 25 | 22 | 6 | |
| Dealing with abortion | | | | | | | [223] |
| March 2000..... | D-8 | 31 | 23 | 17 | 17 | 12 | |
| December 1999 | D-6 | 30 | 24 | 18 | 18 | 10 | |
| June 1999..... | D-8 | 31 | 23 | 21 | 16 | 9 | |
| May 1996..... | D-9 | 34 | 25 | 10 | 22 | 9 | |
| December 1995..... | D-13 | 33 | 20 | 15 | 21 | 11 | |
| October 1994..... | D-7 | 31 | 24 | 12 | 20 | 13 | |
| October 1993..... | D-8 | 33 | 25 | 19 | 14 | 9 | |
| July 1992+..... | D-14 | 32 | 18 | 22 | 19 | 9 | |
| May 1992..... | D-13 | 33 | 20 | 14 | 17 | 16 | |
| April 1992+..... | D-15 | 34 | 19 | 19 | 17 | 11 | |
| February/March 1992+..... | D-11 | 31 | 20 | 20 | 17 | 12 | |
| October 1991+..... | D-14 | 36 | 22 | 14 | 15 | 13 | |

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 12a. Now I'd like to read you a list of legislative priorities that Congress is working on this year. Please tell me which ONE you feel is the most important priority for Congress to pass.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

| | <u>3/00</u> | <u>1/00</u> ¹ | |
|---|-------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Passing tougher gun-control restrictions..... | 21 | 16 | [224-225] |
| Adding prescription drug benefits to Medicare coverage..... | 16 | 23 | |
| Ending the "marriage penalty" in the income tax system, which sometimes requires married couples to pay higher taxes..... | 14 | NA | |
| Banning late-term abortions..... | 13 | NA | |
| Increasing the minimum wage..... | 10 | 9 | |
| Protecting the privacy of consumers' health and financial records..... | 8 | 16 | |
| Passing a patients' bill of rights..... | 6 | 9 | |
| All equally important (VOL)..... | 10 | 9 | |
| None other (VOL)..... | 1 | 1 | |
| Not sure..... | 1 | 1 | |

¹ In January 2000 the following item was included in addition to the ones shown here: cutting taxes.

- 12b. Most of the projected budget surplus will be used to fund Social Security. For which one of the following would you like to see the remaining budget surplus used?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

| | | |
|--|----|-------|
| Education and other domestic programs..... | 33 | [226] |
| Paying down the national debt..... | 24 | |
| Medicare..... | 20 | |
| Tax cuts..... | 17 | |
| All (VOL)..... | 5 | |
| None/other (VOL)..... | 1 | |
| Not sure..... | - | |

- 12c. As you may know, the U.S. and China recently signed a trade agreement that would allow China's entry into the World Trade Organization, or WTO, the main international trading organization, in exchange for making Chinese markets more open and treating U.S. products the same as those from other countries. Do you think that Congress should or should not approve the trade agreement that would make this possible?

| | <u>3/00</u> * | <u>1/00</u> | <u>12/99</u> | |
|---|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------|
| Congress should approve trade agreement..... | 48 | 51 | 50 | [227] |
| Congress should NOT approve trade agreement ... | 36 | 35 | 38 | |
| Depends (VOL)..... | 4 | 5 | 4 | |
| Not sure..... | 12 | 9 | 8 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 12d. When it comes to immigration in the United States, do you think that our country is too open to immigrants from other countries, too closed to immigrants from other countries, or does our country strike about the right balance in accepting immigrants from other countries?

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|----|-------|
| Too open to immigrants..... | 51 | [228] |
| Too closed to immigrants..... | 7 | |
| Strikes about the right balance..... | 37 | |
| Not sure..... | 5 | |

- 13a. Do you think that there will or will not be an economic recession during the next twelve months?

| | <u>3/00*</u> | <u>12/99</u> | <u>10/99</u> | <u>7/97</u> | <u>6/97</u> | <u>4/97</u> | <u>1/97</u> | <u>3/96</u> | <u>12/90</u> | <u>10/90</u> | |
|--|--------------|--------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Will be an economic recession..... | 31 | 23 | 30 | 22 | 15 | 19 | 23 | 32 | 73 | 66 | [229] |
| Will not be an economic recession..... | 55 | 66 | 56 | 68 | 77 | 70 | 67 | 53 | 19 | 24 | |
| Not sure..... | 14 | 11 | 14 | 10 | 8 | 11 | 10 | 15 | 8 | 10 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | <u>9/15- 18/90</u> | <u>9/4- 5/90</u> | <u>8/90</u> | <u>7/90</u> | <u>5/90</u> | <u>4/90</u> | <u>3/90</u> | <u>1/90</u> | |
| | | | 51 | 58 | 57 | 25 | 30 | 23 | 30 | 31 | |
| | | | 35 | 30 | 26 | 49 | 57 | 64 | 56 | 56 | |
| | | | 14 | 12 | 17 | 26 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 13 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 13b. Thinking ahead to a year from now, do you think that the value of the stock market will be much higher, somewhat higher, about the same, somewhat lower, or much lower than it is today?

| | <u>3/00**</u> | <u>10/99</u> | <u>4/99</u> | <u>1/99</u> | <u>7/98</u> | <u>12/97</u> | |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------|
| Much higher..... | 8 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 7 | [230] |
| Somewhat higher..... | 29 | 24 | 26 | 27 | 30 | 31 | |
| About the same..... | 34 | 39 | 35 | 35 | 32 | 35 | |
| Somewhat lower..... | 12 | 22 | 17 | 16 | 19 | 15 | |
| Much lower..... | 5 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 4 | |
| Not sure..... | 12 | 5 | 8 | 11 | 6 | 8 | |

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Turning to other issues. . .

- 14a. Thinking about the role that religion plays in your life, would you describe yourself as a highly religious person, quite religious, just somewhat religious, or not religious?

| | | |
|------------------------------|----|-------|
| Highly religious..... | 19 | [231] |
| Quite religious..... | 28 | |
| Just somewhat religious..... | 42 | |
| Not religious..... | 10 | |
| Not sure..... | 1 | |

- 14b. How important a role do your religious beliefs play in deciding which political candidates you will support--are they highly important, quite important, just somewhat important, or not important?

| | | |
|------------------------------|----|-------|
| Highly important..... | 17 | [232] |
| Quite important..... | 16 | |
| Just somewhat important..... | 25 | |
| Not important..... | 41 | |
| Not sure..... | 1 | |

- 14c. Which of the following is more important to you in deciding how to vote for president--a candidate's PERSONAL commitment to his religious beliefs, or a candidate who shares YOUR religious beliefs?

| | | |
|---|----|-------|
| A candidate's personal commitment to his religious beliefs..... | 49 | [233] |
| A candidate who shares your religious beliefs..... | 17 | |
| Neither (VOL)..... | 28 | |
| Not sure..... | 6 | |

- 15a. Now I'm going to read you a list of public figures, and for each one, I would like you to tell me how religious you perceive this person to be -- extremely religious, very religious, about average, not that religious. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY EXTREMELY OR VERY RELIGIOUS

| | <u>Extremely Religious</u> | <u>Very Religious</u> | <u>About Average</u> | <u>Not That Religious</u> | <u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u> | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-------|
| Pat Robertson..... | 30 | 26 | 12 | 7 | 25 | [240] |
| Pat Buchanan..... | 15 | 21 | 25 | 9 | 30 | [239] |
| George W. Bush..... | 4 | 17 | 51 | 8 | 20 | [235] |
| Al Gore..... | 2 | 15 | 52 | 12 | 19 | [234] |
| John McCain..... | 2 | 12 | 47 | 7 | 32 | [237] |
| Hillary Rodham Clinton..... | 2 | 10 | 47 | 25 | 16 | [236] |
| Bill Bradley..... | 1 | 9 | 45 | 6 | 39 | [238] |
| Bill Clinton..... | 2 | 5 | 37 | 43 | 13 | [241] |

- 15b. I'm going to read you the same list of public figures. This time, I'd like you tell me how you feel about their attitudes toward religion and morality. From what you know, do you agree with, feel neutral about, or disagree with this person's attitudes toward religion and morality?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY AGREE WITH POSITIONS

| | <u>Agree With Positions</u> | <u>Feel Neutral About Positions</u> | <u>Disagree With Positions</u> | <u>Not Sure</u> | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|---------------------|-------|
| George W. Bush..... | 31 | 39 | 14 | 16 | [243] |
| Al Gore..... | 30 | 39 | 14 | 17 | [242] |
| John McCain..... | 26 | 41 | 9 | 24 | [245] |
| Hillary Rodham Clinton..... | 24 | 36 | 25 | 15 | [244] |
| Bill Bradley..... | 21 | 43 | 7 | 29 | [246] |
| Pat Robertson..... | 18 | 30 | 31 | 21 | [248] |
| Pat Buchanan..... | 15 | 32 | 29 | 24 | [247] |
| Bill Clinton..... | 13 | 31 | 43 | 13 | [249] |

- 16a. I'm going to read you two statements about the role of religion and values in America, and please tell me which one comes closer to your point of view.

Statement A: Religion needs to have a stronger role in our society, and government should be more involved in instituting religious-based policies.

Statement B: Religion needs to have a stronger role in our society, but government should NOT be involved in instituting religious-based policies.

| | | |
|--|----|-------|
| A) Government should be more involved..... | 15 | [250] |
| B) Government should NOT be more involved..... | 79 | |
| Neither (VOL)..... | 4 | |
| Not sure..... | 2 | |

- 16b. Thinking about the role of religion in politics today, would you like to see religion play a smaller role, a larger role, or about the same role?

| | | |
|--------------------------|----|-------|
| Smaller role..... | 32 | [251] |
| Larger role..... | 30 | |
| About the same role..... | 35 | |
| Not sure..... | 3 | |

- 17a. Do you think that conservative religious groups have too much influence in the Republican Party, too little influence, or about the right amount of influence?

| | | |
|--|----|-------|
| Too much influence..... | 39 | [252] |
| Too little influence..... | 13 | |
| About the right amount of influence... | 34 | |
| Not sure..... | 14 | |

- 17b. Let me read you a list of issues, and ask which one or two are the most important to you personally?
(ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES.)

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

| | | |
|---|----|-------|
| Banning partial-birth abortions..... | 29 | [253] |
| Offering tax-funded vouchers to help parents afford the cost of sending their children to private or religious schools..... | 25 | > |
| Allowing the Ten Commandments to be displayed in public schools and government buildings..... | 24 | |
| Including a mandatory period of silence for prayer or meditation during the school day..... | 24 | |
| Putting strict limits on the growth of gambling..... | 13 | |
| All (VOL)..... | 5 | |
| None/other (VOL)..... | 10 | |
| Not sure..... | 2 | |

- 17c. Which of the following statements comes closer to your feelings about the way our society deals with homosexuality--**A)** we have gone too far in accepting homosexuality, or **B)** we have not gone far enough in ending discrimination against homosexuals?

| | | |
|--|----|--------------|
| A --have gone too far..... | 42 | [254] |
| B --have not gone far enough..... | 41 | |
| Neither (VOL)..... | 6 | |
| Some of both (VOL)..... | 5 | |
| Not sure..... | 6 | |

- 17d. Which is the more important consideration for you when it comes to legalized gambling -**A)** the crime and social problems it creates, or **B)** the revenue and economic growth it produces?

| | | |
|---|----|--------------|
| A --crime and social problems..... | 50 | [255] |
| B --revenue and economic growth..... | 36 | |
| Neither (VOL)..... | 4 | |
| Some of both (VOL)..... | 6 | |
| Not sure..... | 4 | |

18. Do you think abortion should be illegal, or not?

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Abortion should be illegal..... | 35 | [256] |
| Abortion should NOT be illegal..... | 53 | |
| Not sure..... | 12 | |

Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about race relations and diversity in America.

- 19a. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? **(IF "NO," ASK:)** What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

| | | |
|-----------------------|----|--------------|
| Hispanic..... | 6 | [257] |
| White..... | 79 | |
| Black..... | 10 | |
| Asian..... | 2 | |
| Other..... | 3 | |
| Not sure/refused..... | - | |

(ASK ONLY OF HISPANICS)

- 19b. Do more of your relatives come from Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Central and South America, or from some other Spanish-speaking country?

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Cuba..... | 9 | [258] |
| Mexico..... | 53 | |
| Puerto Rico..... | 8 | |
| Central and South America..... | 8 | |
| Other Spanish-speaking country..... | 16 | |
| Not sure/refused..... | 6 | |

(ASK ONLY OF BLACK AND HISPANIC RESPONDENTS)

20. Please tell me which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view.

A: I see myself more as part of the working class and am looking for political candidates who support programs that will help me reach the middle class, such as a higher minimum wage and more access to child care.

B: I see myself more as part of the middle class and am looking for political candidates who share my beliefs on issues such as reducing taxes and spending and strengthening moral values.

C: I don't see either of these statements as describing me.

| | Blacks | His-panics | |
|--|--------|------------|--------------|
| A) I see myself more as part of the working class..... | 33 | 31 | [259] |
| B) I see myself more as part of the middle class..... | 37 | 50 | |
| C) I don't see either of these statements as describing me... | 29 | 17 | |
| Other (VOL)..... | 1 | 1 | |
| Not sure..... | - | 1 | |

21a. In general, do you think race relations in the United States are very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

| | 3/00 | | | | 9/94 | | | |
|------------------|------------|--------|--------|------------|------------|--------|--------|--------------|
| | All Adults | Whites | Blacks | His-panics | All Adults | Whites | Blacks | |
| Very good..... | 3 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 5 | [260] |
| Fairly good..... | 51 | 53 | 39 | 46 | 45 | 45 | 39 | |
| Fairly bad..... | 24 | 24 | 24 | 23 | 31 | 32 | 26 | |
| Very bad..... | 13 | 11 | 23 | 15 | 15 | 13 | 26 | |
| Mixed (VOL)..... | 8 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 3 | |
| Not sure..... | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |

21b. Do you think the United States has made a lot of progress, some progress, or not much progress in easing tensions between blacks and whites in the past ten years?

| | 3/00 | | | | 9/94 | | | |
|------------------------|------------|--------|--------|------------|------------|--------|--------|--------------|
| | ALL ADULTS | Whites | Blacks | His-panics | ALL ADULTS | Whites | Blacks | |
| A lot of progress..... | 20 | 20 | 20 | 29 | 17 | 16 | 19 | [261] |
| Some progress..... | 52 | 54 | 49 | 53 | 50 | 49 | 51 | |
| Not much progress..... | 26 | 25 | 30 | 16 | 31 | 33 | 28 | |
| Not sure..... | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |

| | 5/92 | | | 11/79 |
|--|------------|--------|--------|------------|
| | ALL ADULTS | Whites | Blacks | ALL ADULTS |
| | 10 | 10 | 5 | 37 |
| | 36 | 36 | 25 | 46 |
| | 52 | 51 | 69 | 15 |
| | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 |

- 21c. Do you feel that we devote too much attention to dealing with the issue of race relations in our country today, or too little attention to dealing with the issue of race relations?

| | ALL ADULTS | Whites | Blacks | His- panics | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|----------------|-------|
| Too much attention..... | 41 | 45 | 14 | 31 | [262] |
| Too little attention..... | 42 | 38 | 73 | 51 | |
| Right amount of attention (VOL)..... | 13 | 13 | 9 | 14 | |
| Not sure..... | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | |

- 22a. For each of the following groups, please tell me whether you feel that they are receiving too many special advantages, receiving fair treatment, or are being discriminated against.

| | Too Many Special Advantages | Fair Treatment | Discriminated Against | Not Sure | |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Fundamentalists and evangelical Christians | | | | | [263] |
| <i>March 2000</i> | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS..... | 14 | 52 | 12 | 22 | |
| Whites..... | 15 | 53 | 11 | 21 | |
| Blacks..... | 14 | 42 | 14 | 30 | |
| Hispanics..... | 14 | 49 | 15 | 22 | |
| Catholics | | | | | [264] |
| <i>March 2000</i> | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS..... | 9 | 75 | 6 | 10 | |
| Whites..... | 8 | 78 | 5 | 9 | |
| Blacks..... | 15 | 59 | 9 | 17 | |
| Hispanics..... | 8 | 76 | 10 | 6 | |
| Hispanics | | | | | [265] |
| <i>March 2000</i> | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS..... | 15 | 46 | 30 | 9 | |
| Whites..... | 17 | 48 | 26 | 9 | |
| Blacks..... | 11 | 28 | 52 | 9 | |
| Hispanics..... | 6 | 58 | 32 | 4 | |
| <i>July 1990 ALL ADULTS.....</i> | 11 | 47 | 27 | 15 | |
| Blacks | | | | | [266] |
| <i>March 2000</i> | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS..... | 19 | 42 | 34 | 5 | |
| Whites..... | 21 | 45 | 30 | 4 | |
| Blacks..... | 1 | 29 | 63 | 7 | |
| Hispanics..... | 18 | 43 | 33 | 6 | |
| <i>July 1990 ALL ADULTS.....</i> | 14 | 43 | 36 | 7 | |
| Asian Americans | | | | | [267] |
| <i>March 2000</i> | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS..... | 11 | 60 | 18 | 11 | |
| Whites..... | 11 | 63 | 16 | 10 | |
| Blacks..... | 17 | 44 | 28 | 11 | |
| Hispanics..... | 9 | 52 | 23 | 16 | |
| <i>July 1990 ALL ADULTS.....</i> | 14 | 48 | 21 | 17 | |

- 22b. In which ONE or TWO of the following areas do you think minorities face the most discrimination and racism today? (ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES.)

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF ALL ADULTS

| | ALL ADULTS | Whites | Blacks | His- panics | |
|--|---------------|--------|--------|----------------|-------|
| Being treated fairly by the criminal justice system..... | 35 | 35 | 38 | 34 | [268] |
| Getting jobs and promotions..... | 28 | 28 | 28 | 36 | > |
| Obtaining a quality public education for their children..... | 20 | 20 | 17 | 25 | |
| Buying homes..... | 9 | 9 | 8 | 9 | |
| Receiving access to loans..... | 9 | 8 | 15 | 11 | |
| All (VOL)..... | 9 | 8 | 21 | 7 | |
| None/other (VOL)..... | 7 | 8 | 1 | 4 | |
| Not sure..... | 7 | 7 | 3 | 2 | |

- 22c. When it comes to achieving racial equality among different racial groups in the United States, which do you think the objective should be -- integration, equal opportunity, or equal results?

| | ALL ADULTS | Whites | Blacks | His- panics | |
|------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|----------------|-------|
| Integration..... | 6 | 5 | 6 | 13 | [269] |
| Equal opportunity..... | 59 | 60 | 62 | 60 | |
| Equal results..... | 26 | 26 | 22 | 20 | |
| All (VOL)..... | 5 | 5 | 8 | 6 | |
| Not sure..... | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | |

- 22d. Now let me read you two brief statements on affirmative action programs, and ask which one comes closer to your own point of view. **(IF RESPONDENT MAKES A CHOICE, ASK:)** Do you feel strongly about that, or not so strongly?

A: Affirmative action programs are still needed to counteract the effects of discrimination against minorities, and are a good idea as long as there are no rigid quotas.

B: Affirmative action programs have gone too far in favoring minorities, and should be phased out because they unfairly discriminate against whites.

| | 3/00 | | | | 9/95 | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|-------|
| | ALL ADULTS | Whites | Blacks | His- panics | ALL ADULTS | Whites | Blacks | |
| Statement A/Strongly..... | 33 | 26 | 70 | 55 | 33 | 26 | 72 | [270] |
| Statement A/Do not feel strongly.... | 21 | 22 | 12 | 21 | 17 | 18 | 12 | |
| Statement B/Do not feel strongly.... | 11 | 13 | 5 | 7 | 13 | 14 | 6 | |
| Statement B/Strongly..... | 26 | 30 | 3 | 10 | 30 | 35 | 5 | |
| Not sure..... | 9 | 9 | 10 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 5 | |

| | 3/95 | | | 3/91+ | | |
|--|---------------|--------|--------|---------------|--------|--------|
| | ALL ADULTS | Whites | Blacks | ALL ADULTS | Whites | Blacks |
| | 31 | 23 | 76 | 40 | 33 | 77 |
| | 21 | 22 | 9 | 21 | 23 | 8 |
| | 13 | 16 | - | 11 | 19 | 6 |
| | 27 | 31 | 10 | 17 | 13 | 2 |
| | 8 | 8 | 5 | 11 | 12 | 7 |

+ Asked only of registered voters.

(ASK ONLY OF BLACK AND HISPANIC RESPONDENTS)

23. Now I'm going to read you a list of the major presidential candidates, and for each one, I'd like you to tell me how well they do when it comes to understanding and working for the best interests of your family and community -- very well, fairly well, just somewhat well, or not well at all?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF BLACKS
WHO SAY VERY OR FAIRLY WELL

Just

| | <u>Very Well</u> | <u>Fairly Well</u> | <u>Somewhat Well</u> | <u>Not Well</u> | <u>Not Sure</u> | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Al Gore | | | | | | [271] |
| Blacks..... | 32 | 37 | 17 | 8 | 6 | |
| Hispanics..... | 26 | 35 | 22 | 12 | 5 | |
| Bill Bradley | | | | | | [273] |
| Blacks..... | 13 | 25 | 27 | 12 | 23 | |
| Hispanics..... | 6 | 18 | 35 | 14 | 27 | |
| John McCain | | | | | | [274] |
| Blacks..... | 8 | 21 | 24 | 19 | 28 | |
| Hispanics..... | 12 | 26 | 27 | 11 | 24 | |
| George W. Bush | | | | | | [272] |
| Blacks..... | 7 | 22 | 27 | 32 | 12 | |
| Hispanics..... | 25 | 30 | 19 | 20 | 6 | |
| Pat Buchanan | | | | | | [275] |
| Blacks..... | 6 | 12 | 18 | 34 | 30 | |
| Hispanics..... | 3 | 14 | 23 | 29 | 31 | |

- 24a. For the past thirty years, black Americans have voted overwhelmingly for Democratic candidates over Republican candidates. Which of the following better describes why you think black Americans have voted overwhelmingly for Democratic candidates over Republican candidates--**(A)** Democrats have represented the interests of the black community, or **(B)** Republicans have taken positions against the interests of the black community?

| | <u>ALL ADULTS</u> | <u>Whites</u> | <u>Blacks</u> | <u>His- panics</u> | |
|---|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Democrats represented interests of black community..... | 55 | 55 | 53 | 61 | [276] |
| Republicans have taken positions against black community..... | 19 | 18 | 33 | 23 | |
| Some of both (VOL)..... | 7 | 7 | 8 | 7 | |
| Neither/other (VOL)..... | 8 | 9 | 2 | 4 | |
| Not sure..... | 11 | 11 | 4 | 5 | |

24b. Please tell me which ONE or TWO of the following best describes why you think black Americans have overwhelmingly voted FOR Democrats over the years. **(ACCEPT ONLY TWO RESPONSES.)**

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF ALL ADULTS

| | ALL ADULTS | Whites | Blacks | His- panics | |
|--|---------------|--------|--------|----------------|-------|
| The Democrats' position on social issues such as education and welfare..... | 30 | 32 | 27 | 32 | [277] |
| The Democrats' support of Civil Rights policies..... | 24 | 24 | 23 | 26 | > |
| The Democrats' support of affirmative action programs..... | 19 | 20 | 14 | 13 | |
| The Democrats' position on economic issues such as Social Security and the minimum wage..... | 15 | 14 | 23 | 18 | |
| The Democrats have more black elected officials and party leaders... | 11 | 9 | 19 | 14 | |
| All (VOL)..... | 12 | 10 | 21 | 10 | |
| None/other (VOL)..... | 2 | 2 | - | 1 | |
| Not sure..... | 10 | 10 | 3 | 4 | |

24c. And please tell me which ONE or TWO of the following best describes why you think black Americans have overwhelmingly voted AGAINST Republicans over the years. **(ACCEPT ONLY TWO RESPONSES.)**

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF ALL ADULTS

| | ALL ADULTS | Whites | Blacks | His- panics | |
|--|---------------|--------|--------|----------------|-------|
| The Republicans' position on social issues such as education and welfare..... | 24 | 25 | 20 | 27 | [278] |
| The Republicans' lack of support for affirmative action programs..... | 19 | 20 | 20 | 20 | > |
| The Republicans' lack of support for Civil Rights policies..... | 19 | 18 | 28 | 15 | |
| The Republicans' position on economic issues such as Social Security and the minimum wage..... | 17 | 17 | 21 | 20 | |
| The Republicans have very few black elected officials and party leaders..... | 15 | 15 | 18 | 18 | |
| All (VOL)..... | 11 | 9 | 20 | 11 | |
| None (VOL)..... | 3 | 3 | - | 2 | |
| Not sure..... | 11 | 12 | 2 | 5 | |

(ASK ONLY OF HISPANICS)

25a. What language do you mainly speak at home--English or Spanish?

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----|-------|
| Mainly speak English..... | 58 | [279] |
| Mainly speak Spanish..... | 22 | |
| Speak both equally (VOL)..... | 20 | |
| Not sure..... | - | |

(ASK ONLY OF HISPANICS)

25b. Were you born in the United States or were you born elsewhere?

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----|-------|
| Born in the United States..... | 75 | [280] |
| Born elsewhere..... | 25 | |
| Not sure..... | - | |

(ASK ONLY OF HISPANICS)

25c. Please tell me which ONE of the following statements best describes how you see yourself in our society today.

| | | |
|--|----|--------------|
| I live and work almost entirely within the Hispanic community..... | 9 | [308] |
| Most of my life revolves around the Hispanic community, but I have some interaction with all elements of American society..... | 19 | |
| My life is evenly balanced between the Hispanic community and all elements of American society..... | 49 | |
| I live and work almost entirely within all elements of American society and only have links with the Hispanic community..... | 22 | |
| Not sure..... | 1 | |

(ASK ONLY OF BLACK RESPONDENTS)

26a. Please tell me which ONE of the following statements best describes how you see yourself in our society today.

| | | |
|---|----|--------------|
| I live and work almost entirely within the black community..... | 6 | [309] |
| Most of my life revolves around the black community, but I have some interaction with all elements of American society..... | 22 | |
| My life is evenly balanced between the black community and all elements of American society..... | 48 | |
| I live and work almost entirely within all elements of American society and only have links with the black community..... | 20 | |
| Not sure..... | 4 | |

(ASK ONLY OF BLACK RESPONDENTS)

26b. Who do you think is the leader who best represents the interests of the black community today?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

| | | |
|-------------------------|----|--------------|
| Jesse Jackson..... | 43 | [310] |
| Colin Powell..... | 17 | |
| Coretta Scott King..... | 15 | |
| Al Sharpton..... | 6 | |
| Louis Farrakhan..... | 6 | |
| Charles Rangel..... | 3 | |
| Clarence Thomas..... | 1 | |
| Other/none (VOL)..... | 5 | |
| Not sure..... | 4 | |

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. How old are you? **(IF REFUSED, ASK:)** Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

| | | |
|------------------|----|------------------|
| 18-24..... | 10 | [311-312] |
| 25-29..... | 8 | |
| 30-34..... | 9 | |
| 35-39..... | 9 | |
| 40-44..... | 11 | |
| 45-49..... | 11 | |
| 50-54..... | 10 | |
| 55-59..... | 6 | |
| 60-64..... | 6 | |
| 65-69..... | 6 | |
| 70-74..... | 6 | |
| 75 and over..... | 5 | |
| Refused..... | 3 | |

F2. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

| | | |
|--|----|------------------|
| Grade school..... | 1 | [313-314] |
| Some high school..... | 6 | |
| High school graduate..... | 29 | |
| Some college, no degree..... | 20 | |
| Vocational training/2-year college..... | 9 | |
| 4-year college/bachelor's degree..... | 19 | |
| Some postgraduate work, no degree..... | 3 | |
| 2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree... | 9 | |
| Doctoral/law degree..... | 1 | |
| Not sure/refused..... | 3 | |

F3. Are you currently employed?

(IF "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) What type of work do you do?

(IF "NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|------------------|
| Professional/manager..... | 27 | [315-316] |
| White collar worker..... | 18 | |
| Blue collar worker..... | 17 | |
| Farmer..... | - | |
| Student..... | 3 | |
| Homemaker..... | 8 | |
| Retiree..... | 21 | |
| Unemployed..... | 3 | |
| Other..... | - | |
| Not sure..... | 3 | |

F4a. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district in which you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

| | | |
|---------------------|----|--------------|
| Registered..... | 82 | [323] |
| Not registered..... | 15 | |
| Not sure..... | 3 | |

F4b. How likely would you say you are to vote in the November 2000 general election for president and U.S. Congress--very likely, fairly likely, just somewhat likely, or not that likely?

| | | |
|-------------------|----|--------------|
| Very likely | 82 | [324] |
|-------------------|----|--------------|

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Fairly likely..... | 5 |
| Just somewhat likely..... | 4 |
| Not that likely..... | 5 |
| Not sure..... | 4 |

F4c. Thinking about the past few state and national elections in which you have voted, which best describes the candidates for whom you voted?

| | | |
|---|----|--------------|
| Almost all Republicans..... | 12 | [325] |
| Mostly Republicans, but a few Democrats..... | 16 | |
| A few more Republicans than Democrats..... | 6 | |
| The same number of Republicans and Democrats..... | 12 | |
| A few more Democrats than Republicans..... | 5 | |
| Mostly Democrats, but a few Republicans..... | 18 | |
| Almost all Democrats..... | 16 | |
| Other (VOL)..... | 5 | |
| Not sure..... | 10 | |

F4d. From what you recall, did you vote for Ross Perot in either his 1992 or 1996 campaign for president?

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Yes, voted for Perot..... | 16 | [326] |
| No, did not vote for Perot..... | 78 | |
| Not sure..... | 6 | |

F5. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative, or do you think that your views cannot really be described in those terms?

| | | |
|---|----|--------------|
| Very liberal..... | 9 | [327] |
| Somewhat liberal..... | 18 | |
| Moderate..... | 26 | |
| Somewhat conservative..... | 24 | |
| Very conservative..... | 10 | |
| Views cannot be described in those terms..... | 8 | |
| Not sure..... | 5 | |

F6. Are you currently single and never married, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

| | | |
|-----------------------|----|--------------|
| Single..... | 22 | [328] |
| Married..... | 55 | |
| Separated..... | 3 | |
| Widowed..... | 7 | |
| Divorced..... | 9 | |
| Other (VOL)..... | - | |
| Not sure/refused..... | 4 | |

F7. Do you have any children under age 18 currently living in your household?

| | | |
|--|----|--------------|
| Yes, kids under 18 in household..... | 34 | [329] |
| No, no kids under 18 in household..... | 62 | |
| Not sure..... | 4 | |

F8. In what religion were you brought up?

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----|-----------------|--------------|
| Protestant..... | 50 | CONTINUE | [330] |
| Catholic..... | 29 | | |
| Jewish..... | 1 | SKIP TO | |
| Other..... | 12 | Q.F11 | |
| None..... | 3 | | |
| Not sure/refused..... | 5 | | |

(ASK ONLY OF PROTESTANTS IN Q.F8.)

F9. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

| | | |
|---|----|--------------|
| Fundamentalist/evangelical..... | 14 | [331] |
| Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical..... | 32 | |
| Not sure..... | 4 | |
| Non-Protestants (Q.F8)..... | 50 | |

(ASK ONLY OF PROTESTANTS IN Q.F8.)

F10. Would you describe yourself as a born-again Christian?

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Yes, born-again Christian..... | 22 | [332] |
| No, not born-again Christian..... | 27 | |
| Not sure/refused..... | 1 | |
| Non-Protestants (Q.F8)..... | 50 | |

F11. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, or other place of worship?

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Never..... | 14 | [333] |
| Once a year..... | 6 | |
| A few times a year..... | 20 | |
| Once a month..... | 8 | |
| About twice a month..... | 10 | |
| Once a week or more often..... | 37 | |
| Not sure..... | 5 | |

F12. Are you a member of a labor union? **(IF "NO," ASK:)** Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?

| | | |
|----------------------------|----|--------------|
| Labor union member..... | 11 | [334] |
| Labor union household..... | 5 | |
| Nonunion household..... | 80 | |
| Not sure..... | 4 | |

F13. Are you presently a member or a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Member of U.S. Armed Forces..... | 4 | [335] |
| Veteran of U.S. Armed Forces..... | 14 | |
| Not a member or veteran..... | 78 | |
| Not sure/refused..... | 4 | |

- F14. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, between \$75,000 and \$100,000, or would the total be more than that?

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Less than \$10,000..... | 5 | [336] |
| Between \$10,000 and \$20,000..... | 7 | |
| Between \$20,000 and \$30,000..... | 11 | |
| Between \$30,000 and \$40,000..... | 12 | |
| Between \$40,000 and \$50,000..... | 12 | |
| Between \$50,000 and \$75,000..... | 17 | |
| Between \$75,000 and \$100,000..... | 9 | |
| More than \$100,000..... | 9 | |
| Not sure/refused..... | 18 | |